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THE COUP ON THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES,
THE ATTACK ON THE ZAMBIA-RHODESIA FRONTIER TOWN OF KARIBA,
ZAMBIA PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA'S VIST TO WEST GERMANY,
AND THE FORTHCOMING COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT, DOMINATE THE NEWS
IN THE LOCAL PRESS HERE TODAY.
THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA, LEADING OFF WITH THE REPORT OF THE
SEYCHELLES COUP, ALSO REPORTS PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S REMARKS
IN BONN THAT FORMER AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY
KISSINGER, "CHEATED AFRICA ABOUT HIS PLAN TO HELP BRING
MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."
A PAGE ONE REPORT FROM TIMES CORRESPONDENT ROBBY MAKAYI,
WHO IS TRAVELLING WITH THE ZAMBIAN LEADER, QUOTES THE
ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT AS SAYING OF DR. KISSINGER IN A TELEVISION
INTERVIEW: "I WAS DISILLUSIONED BY THE OUTCOME OF HIS MISSION.
I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IN SUCH A SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
YOU WANT TO TRADE IN MONEY BUT IN PRINCIPLES."
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THE ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT WENT ON: "WE BELIEVED THAT DR,
KISSINGER HAD COME TO HELP US BUT WHEN WE DISCOVERED HIS
METHODES OF DOING THINGS WE FOUND THAT HE WAS NOT STRAIGHT
FORWARD AS WE HAD BELIEVED AT THE BEGINNING. MUCH AS I
RECEIVED HIM ENTHUSIASTICALLY, TOWARDS THE END I GOT
DISILLUSIONED."
ACCORDING TO THE TIMES REPORT, THZ PRESIDENT HOWEVER

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REPEATED HIS ADMIRATION FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S STAND ON
THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE BUT DOUBTED WHETHER THE AMERICAN
ESTABLISHMENT WOULD BACK HIM.
DR. KAUNDA ALSO SAID HE WOULD HAVE MET THE AMERICAN LEADER
ON HIS CURRENT TRIP, BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO GO TO WASHINGTON
BECAUSE OF RHODESIAN LEADER, IAN SMITH'S CURRENT
BELIGERENT MOOD, ADDS THE PAPER.
THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, AS WELL AS THE
TIMES OF ZAMBIA, REPORTS RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT CLAIMS
THAT THE FRONTIER TOWN OF KARIBA WAS BOMBARDED, SUNDAY,
"WITHOUT A DOUBT," FROM ZAMBIA.
THZ TWO PAPERS REPORT THAT THE RHODESIAN HOLIDAY RESORT
WAS BOMBARDED BY MORTARS JUST A FEW HOURS AFTER THE BREAK-
AWAY COLONY'S TROOPS RETURNED HOME FROM THEIR SEARCH-AND-
DESTROY RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE.
THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA REPORT ALSO SAYS THE ATTACK ON THE
HOLIDAY TOWN WAS PRECEDED BY ANOTHER MORTAR ATTACK ON POWER
LINES FROM KARIBA TO SALISBURY. PARTS OF THE CAPITAL, ADD
REUTER REPORTS IN BOTH PAPERS, WERE PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS
BUT THE POWER WAS QUICKLY RESTORED.
MEANWHILE, THE DAILY MAIL, AS DID THE SUNDAY TIMES OF
ZAMBIA, JUNE 5, TODAY REPORTS A PLANNED STUDENT DEMONSTRATION
AGAINST THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
HERE TO PROTEST THE RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE LAST WEEK BY
RHODESIAN TROOPS.
ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, STUDENTS AT LUSAKA'S EVELYN
HONE COLLEGE, WILL HOLD A MEETING TOMORROW AT WHICH
THEY WILL PLAN THE PROTEST MARCH.
THE NEWSPAPER SAYS BOTH THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AND
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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE
THREATENED DEMONSTRATION. ITEM USIS LUSAKA.
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